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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1 through 10 are pending in the present application.

The Action (1) rejected claims 1-10 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,027,366 to Mori et al. (hereinafter "the Mori reference"). In so doing, it was asserted, *inter alia*, that Mori et al. teach:

a display device comprising a first substrate (Fig. 2 (9)) having a conductor pattern for electrically connecting pixels, and having a laminar substrate (Fig. 19(5)) with opposed sides, which opposed sides are both provided with electrically conducting patterns that are electrically through-connected via at least one opening in the laminar substrate, wherein said one opening is proximate to pixels (Fig. 19 (5, 6, 7, 8), col. 1, lines 10-20, col. 2, lines 41-45, col. 4, lines 39-48, and col. 8, lines 48-55).

In response, Applicants respectfully note, contrary to that which is suggested via the Action, Mori et al. do not teach or disclose (1) an electrical through-connection via at least one opening in a laminar substrate, and (2) that the at least one through-connection opening be proximate to the pixels. Rather, Mori et al. specifically teach that "the signal conductor lines 5 and the stripe conductors 6...are both exposed at both ends for connection with a connector". (see, e.g., Figs. 1, 3A-3E, 5-8, 9A-9B, 10-12, 13A-13B, 14, Fig. 19, col. 8, lns. 53-55). Moreover Mori et al., in fact, teach away from providing/using any through-connection (see, e.g., col. 4, lns. 17-30), in that they teach/suggest that a through-connection is "unnecessary".

Thus, based at least on the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that present claim 1 is patentable over the art of record. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the stated rejection of claim 1, as well as claims 2-10, which claims depend either directly or indirectly from claim 1, are

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respectfully requested.

In sum, it is respectfully submitted that the present claims are patentable over the art of record, and that as such is the case, this application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, as the present application has been before the Office now for well over five years (more than enough time for the Office to conduct an effective search/review of the pertinent prior art), with independent claim 1 remaining unchanged for more than two years, through four Office Actions and two Appeals, reconsideration and withdrawal of all objections, and all rejections of the claims, and allowance thereof are respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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